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**Affirmation, Attestation, and Certification of Service or Lack of Service in Census Blocks  
Broadband Grants Program Broadband Availability Map Challenge Process**

**A. COMPANY INFORMATION (if submitted on behalf of an entity)**

**Company Name:** Vinton Municipal Communications Utility

**Address:** 214 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

**City:** Vinton

**State:** IA **Zip:** 52349

**B. DESIGNATED CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Contact Name** Tom Richtsmeier

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**C. CERTIFICATION/ATTESTATION/AFFIRMATION**

In signing and submitting this form, the above-identified company, and its duly authorized representative signing on behalf thereof, hereby affirms, attests, and certifies under penalty of perjury that, as represented in its submission:

1. Company, consistent with the representations made in this form, and regardless of whether your company's prior reporting to the FCC and/or Connected Nation was correct or in error, either:
  - a. Offered or Facilitated material Broadband service at or above twenty-five (25) megabits per second of download speed and three (3) megabits per second of upload speed ("**25/3 Broadband**") in the identified census blocks as of July 31, 2020; or
  - b. Did **NOT** offer or Facilitate 25/3 Broadband in the identified census blocks as of July 31, 2020;

**OR**

2. Another unaffiliated company, consistent with the representations made in this form, either:
  - a. Offered or Facilitated material Broadband service at or above twenty-five (25) megabits per second of download speed and three (3) megabits per second of upload speed ("**25/3 Broadband**") in the identified census blocks as of July 31, 2020; or
  - b. Did **NOT** offer or Facilitate 25/3 Broadband in the identified census blocks as of July 31, 2020;

**Choose One**

☐ Response Concerns Your Company or An Affiliated Company (#1 above)

**OR**

☒ Response Concerns An Unaffiliated Company (#2 above)

<b>CENSUS BLOCK ID IN WHICH 25/3 BROADBAND OFFERED OR FACILITATED (OR NOT)</b> (please attach excel spreadsheet listing additional census blocks and making corresponding representations in columns to the right if necessary)	<b>PRIOR REPORTING to FCC or Connected Nation</b>  <u>In Error</u> means data was reported incorrectly to FCC or Connected Nation <u>Correct</u> means data was reported correctly to FCC or Connected Nation <u>No Response</u> means data was not reported to FCC or Connected Nation <u>Unknown</u> means data is incorrect for unknown reasons				<b>25/3 Broadband materially FACILITATED AS OF July 31, 2020</b>  <u>Yes</u> means 25/3 broadband was available as of July 31, 2020 <u>No</u> means 25/3 broadband was not available as of July 31, 2020
190119603005076	<input type="checkbox"/> In Error	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct	<input type="checkbox"/> No Response	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> In Error	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct	<input type="checkbox"/> No Response	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> In Error	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct	<input type="checkbox"/> No Response	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> In Error	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct	<input type="checkbox"/> No Response	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> In Error	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct	<input type="checkbox"/> No Response	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> In Error	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct	<input type="checkbox"/> No Response	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**D. ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION** (To the extent you believe additional explanation is required to ensure that you are communicating full and accurate information, please use the below space to further explain, qualify, or substantiate your above certification/attestation/affirmation. To the extent necessary, please feel free to upload additional explanations/supporting documentation. If you are a Communications Service Provider and indicated "In Error" or "No Response" in the "Prior Reporting to FCC" column for any census blocks above, please elaborate.)

This census block contains land that is currently in the process of being developed for residential lots in multiple phases. VMCU has started offering broadband service to the 33 lots in Phase 1 during Q4 of 2020. The developer is planning for an additional 70 residential lots and 48 apartment units in Phase 2 during 2021. The census block covering Phase 1 and Phase 2 shows it receiving fixed wireless broadband service at a **maximum advertised speed** of 25 / 3 Mbps service from both LTD Broadband and SpeedConnect. Phase 1 of the development has 33 lots. As of 11/12/20, 20 of the lots have homes constructed and all those homeowners have signed up for FTTH service ranging from 100/100 Mbps to 1 Gig/1 Gig service from VMCU. No other current wireline broadband provider has extended facilities to provide service or materially facilitate service to Phase 1. The homeowners were very anxious to get service from VMCU because they were using mobile hotspots for internet service instead of fixed wireless service and were using up their data allowance quickly. They expressed frustration due to quickly using all their data allowance during the process of signing up for VMCU's service. None of the customers mentioned the availability of service from LTD Broadband or SpeedConnect. If these services were an option, it seems logical they would be highly motivated to sign up for fixed wireless service up to 25/3 service without data limits and avoid the frustration they are experiencing. Additionally, the Vinton City Administrator stated that no leases for the city water tower, light poles, buildings, or grain elevators exist today. Since the census block was unoccupied when the latest FCC Form 477 was filed, as shown at <https://iowa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3030a9350c11405ca26e8184ffad4328>, neither fixed wireless provider would have had any customers in the census block. Therefore, their inclusion of this census block in the FCC Form 477 would have only been based on a theoretical propagation study that may have only clipped a small area of the census block and caused them to show coverage in the entire census block. The direct experience of actual customers in the census block supports the reclassification of this census block to the Target Service Area for this grant program.

**E. SIGNATURE\***

**Authorized Signature:**

*Tom Richtsmeier*

**Date:**

November 13, 2020

**Printed Name:** Tom Richtsmeier, P.E.

**Title:** General Manager

**\*PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING:** By signing and submitting this form, I, on my own behalf or as a representative of the company identified above, as applicable, expressly represent that I am authorized to make the above factual representation on behalf of said company and/or myself, as applicable, and under penalty of perjury as authorized by Iowa Code section 622.1 and pursuant to the laws of the state of Iowa, certify the following with respect to this form submitted on behalf of said company and/or myself: any statements, representations, warranties, certifications, or attestations made in this form, including any attachments or enclosures associated therewith, are true and accurate; I, on behalf of said company and/or myself, have not knowingly made any false statements or representations in this form. In addition to any criminal penalties authorized by Iowa Code section 720.2 that may result from any false statements of material fact made herein or any other remedies available at law, equity, or otherwise, if it is subsequently determined that I have made a statement, representation, warranty, certification, or attestation in this form, or any attachments or enclosures associated herewith, that is later proven untrue in any material respect, the company on which I submitted this form on behalf of may be disqualified from current incentive programs administered by the Office or may be ordered to repay the Office the entire amount of any funds previously distributed by the Office to said company in connection with any current incentive programs administered by the Office. OCIO makes no guarantees as to whether the information supplied by you will result in any change to the Broadband Availability Map V3 or the way any incentive decisions are reviewed, scored, or decided. This form, as completed, any attachments hereto, and any other information or materials submitted to the Office in connection with this form or related inquiry, shall be considered public records and shall be made available for public examination and/or disseminated upon request by third parties as required by Iowa Code chapter 22. The Office reserves the right to reject this form and relatedly consider any information communicated through this form as neither credible nor probative if this form is not fully and properly filled out.